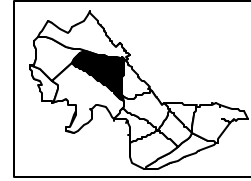


NEIGHBORHOOD 9

PEABODY



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the B&M Railroad, Concord Avenue, Garden Street, and Massachusetts Avenue

POPULATION: 11,169 residents
5,208 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$36,608

Neighborhood #9 is encompassed by Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 9R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 9A, 9B, 9C, and 9D.

2002 THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Following the tone set in the first quarter of 2002, the Peabody neighborhood continues to experience a surge in the number of **housebreaks** reported. This dramatic increase is partially due to its location along the Somerville border where many housebreaks have been concentrated. Many of the breaks adjacent to Mass Ave., on streets such as Sherman, Bowdoin, Linnean, and Lancaster. The typical break occurs during the day (3 p.m. to 11 p.m.) on a weekday, possibly while the victims are at school or work. Two men were arrested in July after they were caught breaking into an apartment on Linnean Street. • All six **street robberies** occurred during the summer months. Most of the street robberies involved groups of youth robbing people walking late at night. Two of the street robberies occurred in Danehy Park. One robbery involved three suspects who took \$100 and house keys from their victim. The suspects later used the keys to enter the victim's apartment and steal a cell phone and cigarettes. • Motor vehicle crimes tend to mirror each other – if **larcenies from motor vehicles** decrease, then so do **auto thefts**, as was the case this quarter. • Of the ninety-one **malicious destruction** incidents reported, fifty-five incidents involved damage to cars, such as windows getting broken, tires being slashed, dents being made in hoods, etc. A total of thirteen graffiti reports were taken during the third quarter of 2002, which is a 32% decrease from the nineteen episodes reported during the third quarter in 2001.

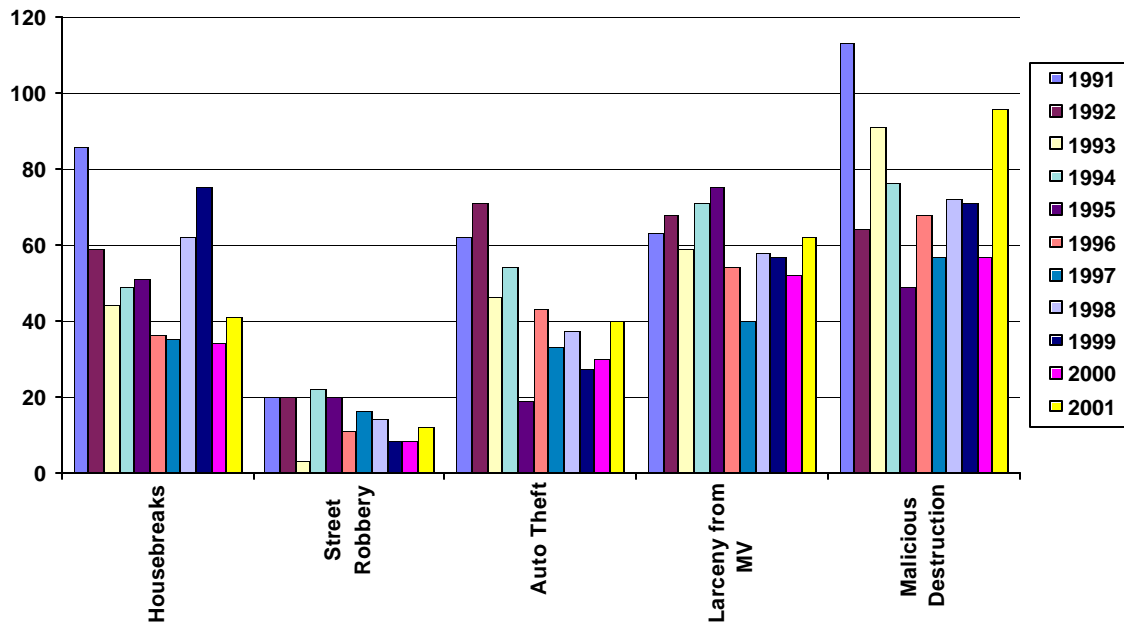
COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER 2001 & 2002

CRIME	3 rd Q 2001	3 rd Q 2002	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	20	48	+140%
Street Robbery	7	6	-14%
Auto Theft	30	25	-17%
Larceny from MVs	52	45	-13%
Malicious Destruction	74	91	+23%
Drug Arrests	8	2	-75%

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Peabody has the second highest population in the city, yet most of its crimes are at or below the city's average. The neighborhood's residents include several large apartment complexes, a public housing development (Lincoln Way) and hundreds of single and double family houses. Peabody boasts two of the biggest public parks in the city: Cambridge Common and Danehy Park. Also contained within its borders is Radcliffe College. Large commercial establishments mark Massachusetts Avenue and Walden Square Road.

- Cambridge Common has traditionally experienced after-dark crimes ranging from **public drinking** and **drug use** to **robbery** to **sexual assault**. Increased preventive patrol has diminished such occurrences in recent years.
- Summer **housebreak** patterns sometimes plague Richdale Avenue and Upland Road. This year, clusters returned to that region, though the crime has radically declined in other sections of the neighborhood.
- **Auto theft** and **larceny from motor vehicles**, though low in this neighborhood, show concentrations on Richdale Avenue and in the triangle formed by Massachusetts Avenue, Upland Road, and Avon Street.
- Drug activity and juvenile crime have long been concerns in the Walden Square area. The Narcotics and Juvenile Units began targeting these areas in 1993 and have almost eliminated the patterns.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR PEABODY AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2001*
Housebreaks	150	3	53	5	7
Street Robbery	21	6	14	8	6
Auto Theft	94	8	43	7	6
Larceny from MVs	74	8	60	7	6
Malicious Destruction	135	2	73	9	5

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest